

17 March 1955

**MEMORANDUM FOR: Special Assistant to the Director
for Planning and Coordination**

SUBJECT: War Documents Project

1. You may recall that War Documents Project was initiated about a year ago, as far as this Agency's contract goes, when [redacted] got in touch with the Director to preserve the [redacted] [redacted] which had been working on the captured documents at Alexandria [redacted] and which was then being terminated. DDP/OIS has been supervising the Agency's contract [redacted]

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2. DDP/OIS, FDD and we have come to the conclusion that this contract should be terminated and arrangements have been made and are being made to have FDD pick up the remaining tasks of interest to DDP. George Carey's memo on the OO/FDD willingness in this regard is at Tab A.

3. We recommend that you sign the attached papers one of which (Tab B) informs the Department of Defense of our action, the other (Tab C) informing the SSRG of our action.

4. There would then remain the task of informing [redacted] [redacted] of the termination of the contract which DDP will do working with the contract office of Logistics. Finally, to carry out the remaining research of interest to DDP there would be required about \$8,000 of overtime, the responsibility for which belongs to DDP and DDI. (FDD and OIS are preparing papers on this phase.) If their request were not approved, a substantial portion of the needed research will still be accomplished as planned by FDD through its regular resources.

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4. In anticipation of the possibility that, upon hearing of this termination, [redacted] may pick up the phone and again get in touch with the Director, seeking to persuade him to continue the contract, you may wish at the next opportunity to speak briefly to the Director of what has been done so that he may be less impressed by [redacted] or other overtures directed to him.

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Planning and Coordination Staff

Attachments

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